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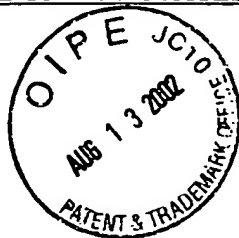
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. MNKYP007).
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. MNKYP007). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 08, 2002 regarding the above-identified
patent application, the following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENT A

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amended claims follow. A marked-up version of the prior pending claims with all changes clearly indicated is provided in attached Appendix 1.

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1. A method for playing stored information, comprising the steps of:
- retrieving information comprising one or more segments, wherein each of said segments has a beginning and an end, and wherein at least one segment is associated with one or more links to one or more second segments;
- playing said at least one segment;
- highlighting at least one expansion cue after the playing of the at least one segment starts;
- determining prior to reaching the end if expansion is desired based on whether an expansion cue has been selected; and
- expanding the link to one or more second segments and playing the one or more segments.
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- A2
10. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for playing stored information, comprising:
- code that retrieves information comprising one or more segments, wherein each of the segments has a beginning and an end, and wherein at least one segment is associated with one or more links to one or more second segments;
- code that plays the at least one segment;
- code that highlights at least one expansion cue after the playing of the at least one segment starts;
- code that determines if expansion is desired prior to reaching the end of the at least one segment based on whether an expansion cue has been selected; and